

Amendment to the Specification

Please replace the first paragraph on p. 5, beginning at line 6 (paragraph 10) with the following replacement paragraph:

In one aspect, the invention provides a transgenic nematode, the cells of which contain a transgene comprising a DNA sequence including a regulatory element of a gene that encodes a nematode secretion product or a homolog thereof operably linked to a DNA sequence encoding a detectable marker. In certain embodiments of the invention the transgene further comprises at least a portion of the coding sequence of the gene, so that transgene encodes at least a portion of a nematode secreted protein or homolog thereof fused to a detectable marker. The transgene optionally includes partial or complete sequence from one or more introns and/or from the 3' UTR of the gene. Preferably the transgenic nematode is *C. elegans*. In preferred embodiments of the invention the gene is a *C. elegans* homolog of a protein that is secreted by a parasitic nematode species. The detectable marker can be, for example, a fluorescent polypeptide, a chemiluminescent polypeptide, an epitope tag, or an enzyme. Particular examples of appropriate markers include, but are not limited to, green fluorescent protein, luciferase, chloramphenicol acetyl transferase, xanthine-guanine phosphoribosyl transferase, beta-galactosidase, a Myc tag, and an HA tag. The Myc tag is discussed further in the Examples. The HA tag is the influenza hemagglutinin epitope YPYDVPDYA (SEQ ID NO: 25). Both of these tags are well known in the art.

Please replace the description of Figure 3 in the Brief Description of the Drawing, p. 12, beginning at line 26 (paragraph 26) with the following replacement paragraph:

Figure 3 shows a CLUSTAL W alignment of the N and C terminal VAP domains of VAP-1 and VAP-2 with selected other nematode venom allergen proteins. The figure shows the amino acid sequences of VAP-1N (SEQ ID NO: 26), VAP-1C (SEQ ID NO: 27), VAP-2N (SEQ ID NO: 28), VAP-2C (SEQ ID NO: 29); ASP-1N (SEQ ID NO: 30); ASP-1C (SEQ ID NO: 31); VAP-3 (SEQ ID NO: 32); MSP-1 (SEQ ID NO: 33). SEQ ID NO: 26 corresponds to residue numbers 1-213 of SEQ ID NO: 1. SEQ ID NO: 27 corresponds to residue numbers 214-425 of SEQ ID NO:

1. SEQ ID NO: 28 corresponds to residue numbers 1-268 of SEQ ID NO: 3. SEQ ID NO: 29 corresponds to residue numbers 269-473 of SEQ ID NO: 3.



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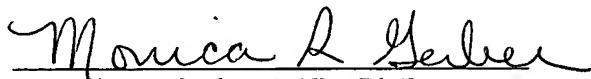
In the Specification

Beginning on a new page, immediately before the claims, please insert the attached Sequence Listing into the above-referenced case; please renumber subsequent pages accordingly.

Applicant submits that the instant Amendment includes no new matter.

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